

BE YE STEDFAST

1 Cor 15:58

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, Conclusion of all said concerning resurrection

My beloved brethren: Christians whom I love in Lord.

Be ye stedfast: Firm, stable, seated, settled, firmly situated.

Barnes: *Be firm, strong, confident in the faith, in view of the truth that you will be raised up. Be not shaken or agitated with the strifes, the temptations, and the cares of life. Be fixed in the faith,*

Not fickle, will not change. Will not waver, constant, always there, always in the Word, prayer, attendance.

Unmoveable: Firm, fixed, stable, unmoved, solidly planted, anchored, immobile, won't move.

So anchored in relationship with God that nothing cause you to be moved away from will of God.

Lenski: *Solid personal conviction that is settled and firm against every assault is and must ever be our first response to the heavenly truth revealed to us. Then there follows a second response which may be summarized as tireless diligence.*

Job 11:15; Acts 11:23; Phil 1:27; 2 Thess 2:2; 1 Pet 5:9; 2 Pet 3:17 – 18; Heb 2:1

One of greatest witnesses to cause of Christ--God's people who are stedfast, and unmoveable..

One of greatest blights to cause of Christ—God's people who have inconsistent lifestyle

Always: in youth and old age. During joyous times & sorrow and grief.

On mountain top and valleys.

Abounding: doing plenty, excelling, more than enough, being filled with...

Overdoing ourselves, exceeding requirements...going extra mile

Work of the Lord: exertion, toil that is hard and tiring. Strenuous.

Thought of verse: if really believe in resurrection ... why so unsettled in spiritual life?

Why so inconsistent ...flighty?

Forasmuch as ye know ... Your time and effort poured into lives for Lord is not wasted

Vain: futile, wasted, of no eternal value or purpose.

SO WHAT?

How do I measure up?

Stedfast?

Firm, stable, seated, settled, firmly situated.

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Unmoveable?

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So anchored in relationship with God that nothing cause you to be moved away from will of God.

Abounding in the work of the Lord?

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Work: exertion, toil that is hard and tiring. Strenuous.

Do I realize that my *labour is not in vain in the Lord*?

My time and effort poured into lives for Lord is not wasted

Cedar Christians:

*Jesus, help me to be for Thee
Just like a big strong cedar tree;
When all the other trees are bare,
The cedar stands so green and fair.
The wind and storm, the ice and cold
Make it more beauty to unfold
So I would stand in trial and test,
Just trusting You to do what's best
Though others fail, Lord, keep Thou me!
May I a cedar Christian be!*